

Remarks

Claims 15-46 are pending. In the Office Action dated October 27, 1999, claims 15-34 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting (as confirmed by a return call from the Examiner on January 27, 2000) over claims 5-30 of U.S. Patent No. 5,740,366, and claims 35-46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Natarajan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,241,542).

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection of claims 15-34. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is submitted to be in order. Also accompanying this response are copies of assignment documents being filed under separate cover of even date herewith. These documents evidence Intermec IP Corp.'s concurrent ownership interest in both the present application and U.S. Patent No. 5,740,366.

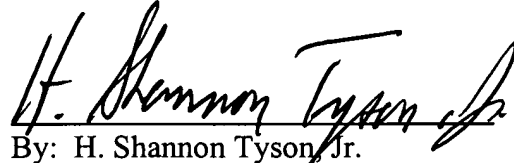
Claims 35-46 have been cancelled in order to expedite issuance of the present application. Applicants intend to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, and for various other reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims now present are allowable, and withdrawal of the rejections and a Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited. If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after entry of this Amendment, and such impediment could be alleviated during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited

to telephone the undersigned so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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